

DEATH OF EX-GOVERNOR ENGLISH.

A Career in Which Wealth and Political Preference Were Acquired.  
The death of ex-Governor James Edward English, of Connecticut, at New Haven recently, removes from the scene of worldly activity a prominent figure in political contests of former years. He was reputed to be the wealthiest man in Connecticut. At the time of his death Mr. English was 78 years old, having been born in New Haven, March 13, 1812. He began life as a carpenter and builder, but laid the foundations of his large fortune in the lumber trade. He first appeared in politics as a member of the New Haven common council. Then he went to the assembly, to the state senate, and, in war times, to congress, where, although a Democrat, he supported the policy of President Lincoln. In 1867 he became governor of Connecticut, and was re-elected the following year, and again in 1870. In 1871 the gubernatorial contest was very close, so close, in fact, that Mr. English refused to take the seat, saying, "No man can afford to hold an office the title to which is in the slightest degree tainted with fraud." In 1875 he was appointed to fill the vacancy in the United States senate caused by the death of Mr. O. S. Ferry. After the expiration of his term he lived the life of a wealthy man of leisure and affairs. He leaves a widow and one son.

MUMMY CATS SOLD AT AUCTION.

The Novel Business in Which a Liverpool Merchant Has Engaged.

Mark Twain once asserted that on the railway to Cairo mummies were used for fuel, and that an engineer had been heard



A SCENE AT THE CAT SALE.

to say to his fireman: "These damned felines don't burn worth a cent; pass out a king." This flight of imagination has almost been equalled by actual fact, for recently a Liverpool merchant created some excitement and a great deal of amusement by offering for sale at auction an assorted cargo of 180,000 mummified cats, imported from Beni Hassan to England. The sale called out a large attendance.

One specimen, of which the auctioneer declared that its head was a perfect study for a sweet face, realized 3s. 3d. Of another it was asserted that, though not handsome, it was better than beautiful; it was good. This animal went for 4s. 6d. Mummified cats bring about \$20 a ton in the country where they are found, and are used as a fertilizer. The Liverpool merchant netted a large profit by his curious venture, and no English home hereafter, no matter how humble, need be without an Egyptian cat of perfectly quiet habits.

Benzon the "Plunger" in Prison.

"Coal Oil Johnny" was thought until recently to be the type and exemplar of reckless extravagance, but "Coal Oil Johnny" was an economical and prudent man as compared with Benzon, the English "plunger," who is now in legal and financial difficulties. Three years ago Benzon attained his majority, and came into a fortune of \$1,500,000, accumulated by his father, a colonial capitalist. It was jubilee year, the queen of England's jubilee, and Benzon soon wore the title of "Jubilee Juggins." He threw away his money in every conceivable extravagance of vice. Then he published a book detailing the way in which he had squandered his inheritance, and thereby realized a small fortune, which supplied his wants for just ten days. Now he is undergoing three months' imprisonment for forgery, the sentence being mild because of the court's belief that Benzon is weak minded. The young fellow is not destitute, however, for \$250,000 of his capital, of which he can only handle the interest, is held by trustees. It is not often one learns of such a shameful and wicked misuse of wealth as that for which Benzon is responsible.

Clandestine Marriage of Legal Infants.

The clandestine marriage at Milwaukee of Charles Hamilton Elliot, aged 15, and Lizzie Nugent, aged 15, would seem again to bring into prominence the necessity for some legal regulation that will serve to prevent those armed with the authority from uniting the lives of children solely for the sake of the fee attendant on performing the ceremony. The Milwaukee bride and groom are mere school children, dependent on their parents for support, and the discovery of their foolish exploit has brought sorrow to two homes, and given the husband and wife a good deal of unpleasant notoriety.

The Decline of the Circus Clown.

Dan Rice, famous twenty years ago as a circus clown, is living now in retirement at Long Branch. He is a hale, hearty old man who delights to talk about the palmy era of his "business." He attributes the decadence of the clown to the fact that the "funny work" of today is monopolized by the professional humorist and newspaper paragrapher.

Capitalist and Invention.

Capitalist—Huh! Want capital to develop a patent, eh? Well, you've come to the wrong place. I haven't any money to risk on patents.

Business Man—But in this case there is no risk at all. The invention, though wonderfully attractive to the average mind, is absolutely impractical. It won't work.

"What? You know it won't work and yet you come to me for capital to?"

"Calm yourself, my dear sir. You see if we know at the start that the thing won't work we shall expect no results from it and need run no risk. We simply form a big company, sell all the stock, pocket the proceeds and let the stockholders do the developing. See?"

"I see. You shall have all the capital you want."—New York Weekly.

Not Quite That.

Son—Say, father, I want a hundred. Don't refuse me, for I'm earning money.

Father—Ah! Is that so? What are you doing?

Son—The stage. I'm an actor. I am playing the Governor just at present.

Father—Not for a hundred, if the Governor knows it!—Lowell Citizen.

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## MONEY IN REAL ESTATE.

THE MAGIC CITY OF ROANOKE POINTS WITH PRIDE TO HER PAST RECORD, AND THE YEAR 1890 dawns upon her with prospects brighter than she has enjoyed in the past. The City has grown from a village of 400 souls in 1831 to the now prosperous manufacturing centre of 18,000 popular tion at the close of 1889. Before the present year expires it is confidently expected that she will naturally reach 25,000. Those unfamiliar with this section will ask the cause of this marvelous growth, and in answer to this question we would assert without fear of contradiction that ROANOKE possesses the greatest combination of advantages to be FOUND IN THE SOUTH.

Located as she is in the centre of the great iron and coal deposits of Southwest Virginia, surrounded by an agricultural country unsurpassed, with a climate that attracts the tourist and pleasure-seeker at all seasons of the year, watered by the famous McClanahan Spring, backed up by the great Norfolk and Western railroad system, and the establishment of the largest car and locomotive works in the entire South, now employing 1,100 skilled mechanics and soon to employ 1600. With these advantages and the completion of the Shenandoah Valley railroad, Roanoke started upon her prosperous career.

IT IS NATURAL THAT ROANOKE, STARTING AS SHE DID UPON THE BASIS OF SUCH A SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT, HAS ATTRACTED THE FAR-SEEING BUSINESS MAN FROM EVERY SECTION OF THE COUNTRY, AND YOU will find located here today 18,000 souls all bent with one common purpose of promoting and fostering the interests of their adopted city. As a further evidence of the united spirit of the citizens of Roanoke in aiding in the growth of their city we give below a list of the companies organized and the capital invested in the same in the past seven years:

Roanoke Transfer Co., \$10,000	Brought forward \$685,000	Brought forward \$1,041,000	Brought forward \$1,855,000	Brought forward \$2,284,750	Brought forward \$7,510,750	Brought forward \$8,605,750
Rife's Hydraulic Engine Co., 50,000	Traders Loan and Trust Co., 20,000	Roanoke Construction and Improvement Co., 10,000	Commercial National Bank, 100,000	Roanoke Handy Wheat Separator, 15,000	Northside Land Co., 60,000	Roanoke Creamery Co., 5,000
Roanoke Electric Light (Power) Co., 25,000	Exchange Building and Investment Co., 10,000	Atina Land and Improvement Co., 50,000	Chambers Land Co., 10,000	Ingleside Land Co., 20,000	Old Dominion Loan and Building Association, 200,000	Roanoke Street Railway, 60,000
Roanoke Brick and Construction Co., 25,000	Virginia Arsenic Bromine and Lithia Spring Co., 25,000	American Machine Co., 75,000	Citizens Bank, 40,000	Joe Car Coupler Co., 20,000	American Bridge Works, 80,000	Roanoke Manufacturing Co., 15,000
Roanoke Building Association and Investment Co., 50,000	Virginia Dair Chemical Works, 5,000	Belmont Land Co., 90,000	Crozier Steel and Iron Co., 500,000	Joe Stopper Co., 5,000	People's Perpetual Loan and Building Association, 50,000	Roanoke Milling Co., 15,000
Roanoke Brick and Improvement Co., 50,000	West End Land Co., 40,000	Board Trade and Investment Co., 50,000	Gambill Lot and Building Association, 15,000	Junior Hose Co., 5,000	Park Land and Improvement company, 10,000	Roanoke Lecture Bureau, 5,000
Roanoke Opera House Co., 50,000	South Roanoke Land Co., 100,000	Bradshaw Arsenic and Iron Springs Co., 10,000	Glade Land Co., 8,750	Roanoke Machine Works, 5,000,000	Pitchard Brake Co., 25,000	Roanoke Coal and Lumber Co., 100,000
Roanoke Iron Co., 400,000	Roanoke Engine and Machine Co., 100,000	Bridgewater Carriage Co., 35,000	Home Electric Co., 10,000	Linwood Land Co., 60,000	P. L. Terry Milling Co., 20,000	West End Brick Works, 10,000
Southwest Virginia Real Estate and Investment Co., 25,000	Merchants and Mechanics Building and Loan Ass'n., 6,000	Craig Land and Improvement Co., 5,000	Home Building and Conveyance Co., 100,000	Melrose Land Co., 16,000	Roanoke Trust, Loan and Safe Deposit Co., 100,000	
	Virginia Brewing Co., 30,000	Commerce Street Opera House Co., 10,000	Hyde Park Land Co., 50,000	Mountain View Land Co., 25,000	Roanoke Construction Co., 50,000	
			Home Building and Loan Association, 20,000	Mate Green Coal and Lumber Co., 20,000	Roanoke Water Works, 500,000	
	\$685,000	\$1,041,000	\$1,855,000	\$2,284,750	\$7,510,750	\$8,605,750

In addition to the foregoing, millions of money have been spent in upbuilding minor industries, the erection of palatial residences and handsome and commodious business houses.

### \$700,000 IS NOW BEING SPENT IN THE ERECTION OF NEW ENTERPRISES.

TWO ADDITIONAL RAILROADS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN BUILDING HERE DURING THE PRESENT YEAR AND THE OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE PRESENTS ENCOURAGEMENT MORE FLATTERING THAN COULD BE EXPECTED EVEN FROM THE WONDERFUL STRIDES OF THE PAST.

### EVERY INVESTOR IN ROANOKE REAL ESTATE HAS MADE MONEY.

With all our familiarity with the market in former years we confidently believe that the investor was never offered more favorable opportunities for profitable and quick returns than at present. We think we have unequalled advantages in our line, and the large patronage we have received in the past is an evidence of our fair dealing with all men. In brief we will state that we have been placed in the management of almost all of the largest land companies in this city and can therefore offer the investor inducements from first hands that could not otherwise be obtained. We only invite a comparison and the purchaser can decide his own case by inspection. This agency has the management of the properties of Belmont Land Companies, West End Land Company, River View Land and Manufacturing Company, Rogers, Fairfax and Houston Addition, Central Park Land Company, Ingleside Land Company, Northside Land Company, Linwood Land Company, South Roanoke Land Company, and Home Building and Conveyance Company, together with the largest list of business and resident property throughout the city under one management; also control the renting of 400 houses and can furnish every inducement offered in their line.

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